

House Resolution No. 3821

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exceptional citizens in local communities and neighborhoods; and

Whereas, Dixie Johnson of Lamar has attained considerable distinction as a federal employee, civic-minded volunteer, wife, and mother; and

Whereas, a 1960 graduate of Golden City High School, Dixie Johnson moved to Lamar in 1961 to begin working for the United States Department of Agriculture in the Barton County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, a vocational endeavor which she continued for thirty-three years; and

Whereas, on February 16, 1962, Dixie married Junior Johnson after a six-month engagement and eventually became the mother of two wonderful children, J.R. Johnson of Lamar and Margie Johnson Short of Warrensburg, and the devoted grandmother of Austin Johnson, Cheyenne Johnson, and Warner Short; and

Whereas, Dixie Johnson became deeply involved in Scouting through her work with the Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, Brownies, and Girl Scouts programs which her children joined to become the first brother and sister in southwest Missouri to receive God and Country awards; and

Whereas, for the past forty years Dixie Johnson has assisted her fireman husband with anything that needed to be done, including cleaning trucks, rolling hose, washing hose, typing reports, dispatching, and even fighting grass fires in their hometown; and

Whereas, Dixie Johnson not only became an Emergency Medical Technician through the Lamar fire department, but she also designed the shoulder patch and logo used by the area's ambulance district; and

Whereas, in addition to successfully weathering the effects of her husband's and her own recent health problems, Dixie Johnson has enhanced her impressive record of accomplishments by earning the Chili Head of the Year award from Chili Appreciation Society International, becoming the only woman outside of Texas to win the International Chili Championship, founding a youth movement in Chili Cooking, and organizing the State Chili Cook-off in Golden City:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the long, productive life enjoyed thus far by Dixie Johnson and to convey to her this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes for many more achievements to come; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Dixie Johnson of Lamar, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Ed Emery
District No. 126

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3821, adopted August 12, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker